

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment presented herein, which raises no new issues that would require further consideration and search, and which place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5, 10, and 11 are pending. Claims 1-3, 10, and 11 stand allowed, and claims 4 and 5 stand rejected. Claims 4 and 5 are cancelled herein without prejudice. In light of this amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-3, 10, and 11.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112

The Examiner refused to enter the amendment to claim 5 submitted in Applicants' previously filed response, and maintained the rejections of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, for reasons of record.

Applicants disagree with these rejections. To further prosecution, however, Applicants have cancelled claim 5 without prejudice. As such, these rejections are moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner refused to enter the amendment to claim 4 in Applicants' previously submitted response, and maintained the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), for reasons of record.

Although Applicants disagree with this rejection, claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Allowed claims

Applicants acknowledge the allowability of claims 1-3, 10, and 11.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for allowed claims 1-3, 10, and 11. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent if such would further prosecution.

Please apply \$65 for the Petition for Extension of Time fee, and apply any other charges or credits, to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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